(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (c) In view of the significant epidemiological and demographic changes in the country since 1983, when the first National Health Policy was formulated, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has undertaken an exercise to revise the National Health Policy.

Upgradation of CGHS Units of ISM&H

1731. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since formulated the expansion and development programme of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy under CGHS, by opening of Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic and Unani units in Delhi in the year 2000-2001 and to upgrade the standard of present CGHS units of ISM&H, by augmentation of para-medical staff therein;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether financial resources and manpower are available for the purpose; and

(d) whether it is a fact that CGHS authorities are not providing funds to ISM&H for its expansion and development since long; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (c) No, Sir. At present there is no proposal for expansion of ISM&H during the year 2000-2001 since the Ministry of Finance has not agreed to the creation of new posts for ISM&H until the SIU Study has been conducted.

However, there are proposals to open the following dispensaries/ Units of ISM&H during the Ninth Five Year Plan.

(A) One Ayurvedic Unit each at Faridabad, Netaji Nagar, Noida under Delhi; Jabalpur, Kanpur, Madras, Guwahati, Trivandrum, Bombay and Calcutta.

(B) One Homoeopathic unit each at Ghaziabad, Pitam Pura and NOIDA under Delhi, Jabalpur, Madras, Bombay, Trivan- drum, Guwahati, Calcutta and Hyderabad.

(C) One Unani Unit each at Vivek Vihar, Delhi and Jaipur.

(D) One Siddha Unit at Madras.

(d) No, Sir. It is not a fact as the funds are allocated at the time of approval for setting up of CGHS dispensaries.

Banning of Cigarette Manufacturing

1732. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that several foreign cigarette manufacturing companies are promoting their products in India; and

(b) if so, what steps Govenment have taken to ban such products which are a health hazard for India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Tenth Lok Sabha) in its 22nd Report had made several recommendations primarily intended to discourage the use of tobacco & tobacco products. The Government is examining these recommendations and the draft legislation is under consideration of the Government.

Medicinal Properties of Rudraksh

†1733. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL:
DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a lot of work done on the medicinal properties of Rudraksh by a Senior Officer of Government of India, Concluding that a person can get relief from the body pain by the positive energy emitting from Rudraksh, and high and low blood pressure can be controlled easily and it has been used for cancer and leprosy;

†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.